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SUBJ: U.S. CONSTRUCTION FIRMS

REF: A) STATE A-2104 B) STATE 16191

1. U.S. ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION FIRMS WITH CURRENT
CONTRACTS IN CHILE ARE:

A) ARTHUR G. MCKEE COMPANY, CLEVELAND, OHIO. ESTABLISHED IN
CHILE ON A PERMANENT BASIS UNDER THE NAME MCKEE CHILE LTDA.,
ITS ADDRESS IS ISIDORA GOYENECHEA 3162, SANTIAGO. PHONE
283514 AND 281616. GENERAL MANAGER IS EDWARD B. OLDS.
MCKEE CHILE'S LARGEST CONTRACT AT PRESENT IS THE HUASCO
VALLEY PROJECT FOR THE COMPANIA DE ACEJO DEL PACIFICO, A
\$260 MILLION STEEL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. IT IS ALSO WORKING WITH CODEL
CO
ON SIX OTHER PROJECTS OF SHORT DURATION. ALL CURRENT
PROJECTS WILL BE TERMINATED BY THE END OF 1977.

B) BECHTEL CORPORATION, CALIFORNIA. THE FIRM'S NAME IN CHILE
IS OVERSEAS BECHTEL, INC. ADDRESS IS ORREGO LUCO 56, 2 PISO,
SANTIAGO. PHONE: 251808, GENERAL MANAGER IS JAMES F. WICKHAM.
BECHTEL IS AT PRESENT INVOLVED IN TWO FEASIBILITY
STUDIES FOR CODELCO. BOTH ARE OF SHORT DURATION. THE
COMPANY IS NOT PLANNING TO LEAVE CHILE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

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C) HOLMES & NARVER, INC., CALIFORNIA. VICE PRESIDENT IN
CHILE IS DONALD K. HANSEN. ADDRESS IS ANTONIO VARAS 884,
SANTIAGO; TELEPHONE 747259 ND 747435. THE FIRM HAS A
CONTRACT WITH THE LO AGUIRRE MINE FOR THE DESIGN AND
CONSTRUCTION OF A RECOVERY PLANT FOR COPPER RESIDUALS.
THIS \$35 MILLION PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE
TWO MORE YEARS FOR COMPLETION. HOLMES & NARVER ALSO

PROVIDES TECHNICAL ADVICE TO THE CHUQUICAMATA MINE
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF CODELCO. HOLMES & NARVER PLANS
TO REGISTER IN CHILE SHORTLY UNDER THE NAME OF RESOURCE
SCIENCE CORPORATION, AGENCIA CHILE.

2. SOURCES TELL US THAT RALPH M. PARSONS, CALIFORNIA, AND
THE RUST ENGINEERING COMPANY, ALABAMA, MAY ALSO BE ENGAGED
IN ENGINEERING OR CONSTRUCTION WORK IN CHILE, BUT WE HAVE
NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM OR IDENTIFY THEIR PROJECTS.
AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, THREE OF THE FIRMS LISTED IN THE
ATTACHMENT TO A-2104 HAVE NO CURRENT CONTRACTS IN CHILE.
THESE ARE THE KAISER CORPORATION, PULLMAN KELLOGG DIVISION,
AND STONE AND WEBSTER CORPORATION.
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